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OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 1:30 P.M. 8th Floor Conference Room City Hall Building, 2 Civic Center Plaza

AGENDA

- 1. Meeting Called to Order
- 2. Call to the Public (items not listed on the agenda)
- Discussion and Action 3.
 - Approval of Minutes: July 20, 2011
 - b. Approval of Minutes: August 3, 2011
 - c. Changes to the Agenda
 - d. Review and comment on current subdivision applications, as indicated below:

SUSU11-00063: Desert Pass Drive - Being a portion of Tract 3A,

A.F. Miller Survey No. 210, City of El Paso, El Paso

County, Texas

East of IH-10 and North of Resler Drive LOCATION:

PROPERTY OWNER: Camino Real Investments

Conde Inc. REPRESENTATIVE:

DISTRICT:

APPLICATION TYPE: Major Preliminary

STAFF CONTACT: Frank Delgado, (915) 541-4238,

delgadofx@elpasotexas.gov

(2)SUSU11-00070: Cimarron Sage Commercial Park Unit Two - Being

a portion of Tract 3B1, Nellie D. Mundy Survey

242, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

LOCATION: North of Paseo Del Norte Road and West of

Northern Pass Drive

PROPERTY OWNER: Cimarron Hunt Communities

REPRESENTATIVE: CSA Design Group

DISTRICT: 1

APPLICATION TYPE: Minor

STAFF CONTACT: Kevin Smith, 915-541-4903, smithkw@elpasotexas.gov







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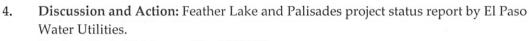
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Contact: Rudy Valdez, rvaldez@EPWU.org

- 5. Discussion and Action: Items for Future Agendas
- 6. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Open Space Advisory Board of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act. The Open Space Advisory Board will return to open session to take any final action.

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY	
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY	
Section 551.073	DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS	
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS	
Section 551.076	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES	
Section 551.087	DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOP	MENT
	NEGOTIATIONS	

__day of August, 2011 at __**q:00**___,

Basement Bulletin Board, City Hall, 2 Civic Center Plaza, by Todd Taylor, Planning and Economic Development



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Open Space



ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

REVISED

Wednesday, July 20, 2011, 1:30 P.M. 8th Floor Conference Room City Hall Building, 2 Civic Center Plaza

Members Present: 7

Bill Addington (2:28), Lois Balin, Joanne Burt, Richard L. Thomas, James H. Tolbert, Kevin von Finger, and Charlie S. Wakeem

Members Absent: 2

Katrina Martich, Luis Ruiz

Planning and Economic Development Staff:

Mathew McElroy, Deputy Director; Philip Etiwe, Planning Manger; Todd Taylor, Planner; Carlos Gallinar, Comprehensive Plan Manager; Eddie Garcia, Lead Planner; Raul Garcia, Planner; Ernie Arriola, Planner

Others Present:

Lupe Cuellar, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Jason King, Dover Kohl & Partners, Andrew Georgiadis, Dover Kohl & Partners; Kareem Dallo, Engineering Division Manager, Engineering & Construction Management; Rudy Valdez, EPWU-PSB; Gonzalo Cedillos, Storm Water EPWU-PSB; John Kiseda, El Paso Zoo; Trish Tanner, Jobe; Bradley Roe, Roe Engineering.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Wakeem called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Wakeem introduced Joanne Burt, newly appointed Board Member, District 1.

2. **Call to the Public** (items not listed on the agenda)

Per Mr. Ed Archuleta, El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board President/Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Rudy Valdez distributed copies of the public awareness/media campaign entitled *Keep Alert. Keep Clear*. Mr. Valdez explained the PSB, El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, the Drowning Prevention Coalition of El Paso, and other public/private entities are hoping to raise the awareness of the dangers of drowning in drainage facilities – drainage canals, drainage ditches, and stormwater facilities – in El Paso County.

3. Discussion and Action

a. Approval of Minutes: July 6, 2011

Chair Wakeem asked Board Members if there were any additions, corrections, or revisions.

Mr. Tolbert revised the following:

PAGE 4 of 14, under the heading, PRIORITIZED LIST OF PARK POND PROJECTS Revise "He" to "Ms. Smekjal"

PAGE 13 of 14, bottom of page

- 1. Progress report on OSAB's recommendation to City Council regarding the progress of Park Pond projects.
- 1. Update on the OSAB motion advising City Council to reconsider the priorities to allow the delay in implementing the expenditures for sod, soil and shrubs so that that funding could go to higher priority, ecologically sensitive areas that are in imminent danger of being lost.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. von Finger, seconded by Ms. Balin and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JULY 6, 2011, AS CORRECTED.

ABSTAIN: Ms. Burt

b. Changes to the Agenda

None.

c. Comprehensive Plan report and update.

Contact: Carlos Gallinar, (915) 541-4662, gallinarrc@elpasotexas.gov

Chair Wakeem explained Dover Kohl & Partners is assisting in the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan, a very important document for the City of El Paso.

Mr. Gallinar explained rewriting the Comprehensive Plan is arguably one of the most important processing and planning documents, in the last 20 years. Dover Kohl & Partners, one of the top leading urban planning firms in the nation, was selected to assist the city in the rewriting process. Mr. Gallinar introduced Mr. Jason King and Mr. Andrew Georgiadis, Dover Kohl & Partners and explained Mr. King will address the overall process of the Comprehensive Plan and Mr. Georgiadis will address the sustainability element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. King gave a PowerPoint presentation.

CONNECTING EL PASO

He explained Dover Kohl & Associates first endeavor working with the city, *Connecting El Paso*, was adopted by City Council in January, 2011. *Connecting El Paso* focused on bus rapid transit routes, transporting people to places all over the city via fast moving buses. With this new investment in transportation, public monies could trigger private reinvestment in underutilized areas of the city. *Connecting El Paso* is not only about getting from Point A to Point B; it's also about creating worthwhile places between them.

OVERALL PROCESS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. King discussed the Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document for capital improvements and public policy, the development of projects, and most importantly, to ensure that El Paso is a city that its residents want it to be. Hundreds of people have come together, via charettes and numerous other meetings, to discuss and refine ideas. All presentations, maps, plans (over 2,200 square miles), surveys, public comments, etc. can be found at www.planelpaso.org. Working in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, we anticipate presenting a proposed draft of the Comprehensive Plan in late Fall or early Winter this year.

MAJOR CONCEPTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Comprehensive Plan is comprehensive in that it addresses:

- 1. Historic preservation;
- 2. Health and public facilities;
- 3. Open space;
- 4. Creating public spaces plazas, large parks, green space, etc.;
- 5. Investing in streetscape to spur private investment, concentrating on the downtown area first;
- 6. Investing in Cincinnati Avenue to extend prosperity from one side of Mesa Street to the other;
- 7. Remodeling City Hall/surrounding area;
- 8. Park in front of the Burnham building;
- 9. Large open space
 - a. Recreating/relocating the rail yard;
 - i. Large Central Park
 - ii. Arena/stadium
- 10. Recreating Transit Centers;
 - a. Lively urban places
 - b. Civic green space
 - c. Farmer's Market
- 11. Recreating underutilized areas and
 - a. Public spaces parks
 - b. Street space accommodating cars, buses, bicyclists, pedestrians comfortably

- 12. Recreating major arterials
 - a. Homes facing major arterials
 - b. Removing rock walls
 - c. Providing large open space
 - d. Pocket parks
 - e. Attached family dwellings

Mr. Georgiadis gave a PowerPoint presentation.

SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- 1. Open spaces;
 - a. Long term viability of:
 - i. Water
 - ii. Other important ecological considerations
- 2. Historical conditions of the city;
 - a. Early founders/settlers survival
 - b. How historical conditions help form the present/future
- 3. How the overall urban form affects other issues relating to the economy;
 - a. Sprawl
 - i. Air/Water quality
 - ii. Effects on wildlife
 - iii. Effects on arroyos
- 4. Recreating drainage pits;
- 5. Farmer's Market:
- 6. Recreation/Physical fitness;
- 7. Transit/Walkability;
- 8. Historic Preservation;
- 9. Clean Energy and Industry; and
- 10. RiverPark and Trail system

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Wakeem thanked Messrs. King and Georgiadis and congratulated Dover Kohl & Partners on doing an outstanding job.

Regarding the creation of *unnatural open spaces throughout the city*, Ms. Balin wondered if a portion(s) of those *unnatural open space areas* would be kept in their natural state.

Mr. Georgiadis responded yes, the community has requested that there be more diversity/naturalistic treatment in the parks especially along the edges; turf would be located only where necessary. A portion of the park area will be dedicated to the creation of habitat by diversity. Additionally, rather than

Mr. King added the EPWU-PSB has requested the plants be the right native species; mesquite, palo verde, natural acacia trees, etc.

Mr. Gallinar noted Mr. King has looked into incorporating Mr. Rick Lobello, El Paso Zoo, Public Relations, Education Curator, project Healthy Families Live Outside the Box -Living a Healthy Life While Sharing El Paso with Native Plants and Animals, into the park projects.

Mr. John Kiseda, El Paso Zoo, suggested leaving the unnatural open spaces as they are preserving habitats that actually already exist at various sites, rather than having to recreate these habitats by diversity after they are degraded due to construction.

Mr. King explained Dover Kohl & Partners will be conducting a number of conference calls in mid-August and returning to El Paso mid-September. We hope to have our first draft approximately November 1st.

Mr. Valdez noted EPWU PSB Staff had not seen the Sustainability portion of the Comprehensive Plan prior to today.

Mr. King suggested Mr. Valdez provide the documents/information to Mr. Gallinar between today and mid-October.

Chair Wakeem suggested Mr. Valdez attend the CPAC meeting.

Mr. Gallinar would provide Mr. Valdez a copy of the CPAC meeting schedule.

d. Review and comment on current subdivision applications, as indicated below:

(1) SUSU11-00060:

Enchanted Hills #3 - Being a portion of Tracts 8, 9C, and 9A,

Laura E. Mundy Survey No. 238, City of El Paso, El Paso

County, Texas

LOCATION:

North of Transmountain and East of I-10

PROPERTY OWNER: E.P. Transmountain Residential

REPRESENTATIVE: Roe Engineering

DISTRICT:

1

APPLICATION TYPE: Major Preliminary

STAFF CONTACT:

Raul Garcia, (915) 541-4935, garciar1@elpasotexas.gov

Mr. Garcia gave a PowerPoint presentation and explained the property is located north of Transmountain Road, east of I-10. The property is approximately 97 acres and is currently zoned R-5 (Residential). Per Section 19.16.050.H Preservation of Natural Arroyos; the sub-divider is proposing to cross the arroyos via the proposed Right-of-Ways. The City Engineer has recommended approval of the sub-divider's request. The applicant is proposing 358 single family lots with the smallest lot measuring 5,775

square feet in size. Additionally, the applicant is proposing a 2.84 acre park; there is an existing 1.5 acre park already dedicated through an off-site dedication. The applicant is also proposing 7.18 acres of public open space, portions of which will remain in its natural state to serve as a drainage Right-of-Way and easement. The applicant has requested the following modifications:

- 1. To allow for a modified 52' Right-of-Way to include 5' sidewalks, 4' and 5' parkways and 34' of pavement;
- 2. To allow pedestrian Right-of-Ways;
- 3. To allow for a turning circle;
- 4. To allow for street names in excess of thirteen characters; and
- 5. Modification to Section 19.16.050.H *Preservation of Natural Arroyos* to allow for construction within an existing arroyo.

The proposed development is part of the Enchanted Hills Land Study approved by the City Plan Commission June 5, 2008. The Development Coordinating Committee and Planning recommend approval of this subdivision on a Major Preliminary basis and modifications based on the previous code with the condition that Enchanted Hills Unit One be recorded concurrently or prior to Enchanted Hills Unit Three in order to provide adequate access to the subdivision by Unit One located south of this proposed subdivision. Staff is recommended that the City Plan Commission require that street trees be placed along the rear of the double cornice lots as provided for in the code.

Chair Wakeem wondered if the subdivision will go through FEMA arroyo 42A.

Mr. Dallo responded the subdivision goes through FEMA arroyo 42B and added everything will be natural, 42C, 42B and 42A.

Ms. Balin requested Staff point out the location of the arroyos in relation to the development.

Mr. Dallo noted the arroyo locations for Ms. Balin.

The applicant and/or applicant's representative was not present.

Chair Wakeem asked if any members of the public wished to comment. There were none.

Referring to the park area, Ms. Balin requested Staff point out which section would be kept natural open space.

Mr. Garcia noted the natural open space section and added the natural open space sections will serve as drainage Right-of-Ways.

No further questions or comments from the Board.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. von Finger, seconded by Mr. Thomas and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE.

4. **Discussion and Action:** Presentation and progress report by El Paso Water Utilities regarding the Stormwater Priority List. Contact: Rudy Valdez, <u>rvaldez@EPWU.org</u>

Mr. Valdez gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Stormwater Utility Priority List*. Per the PowerPoint slide showing the original OSAB Stormwater Original Priority List – 2010; Mr. Valdez explained the properties highlighted in yellow were approved by the Stormwater Utility; the properties highlighted in gray were not. Mr. Valdez stated the Open Space Advisory Board priority list had changed since the Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee's last meeting. He then commented on the properties listed under *Round II Storm Water Funding Priority List and the criteria used by the Open Space Advisory Board in the creation of the Round II priority list*.

CEMENT LAKE AND HUNT COMMUNITY ARROYOS

The two projects recently identified by the OSAB as properties for acquisition; Cement Lake and the Hunt Community arroyos, Mr. Valdez explained, regarding Cement Lake, the EPWU PSB is currently negotiating with the property owner. Regarding the Hunt Community arroyos, EPWU PSB has been conversing with Mr. Justin Chapman, at this time nothing has been finalized.

Mr. von Finger asked if a retention dam was located on one of the three Knapp property parcels.

Mr. Valdez responded yes.

Mr. Cedillos added the city currently owns that.

Mr. von Finger then asked what Cement Lake will be used as and how much will be left in its natural state.

Mr. Valdez was unsure what the use will be; however, the portion acquired with Stormwater funding will be left in its natural state.

Regarding Cement Lake, Ms. Balin wondered if discussions regarding easement acquisition have occurred.

Mr. Valdez was unsure; however, he emphasized there must be access.

Mr. Kiseda asked about the headwater between the Lake and I-10.

Mr. Valdez was unsure what the negotiation discussions entailed.

Mr. von Finger asked how OSAB could make those parties involved in the negotiations, specifically, the EPWU PSB aware of the importance of getting that headwater and the area around it, in the event the property owner does not propose that.

Mr. Valdez commented on a letter that the OSAB had prepared.

Chair Wakeem explained he had had a conversation with Mr. Archuleta regarding the headwaters.

Mr. Valdez would discuss the OSAB's concerns regarding the headwater with Mr. Archuleta.

Mr. Kiseda commented on CEMEX's conservation efforts in Mexico and the United States, in the event the negotiations do not pan out, he suggested the OSAB reach out to the international company and contact the individuals involved in the conservation efforts in Mexico. Ms. Kiseda would provide contact information to Mr. Valdez.

Mr. Addington added comments regarding CEMEX's conservation efforts in Mexico and the United States.

Mr. Kiseda commented on an femoral ephemeral pond/breeding space located very near to Cement Lake.

No further questions or comments from the Board.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

5. **Discussion and Action** on the evaluation of the projects listed for acquisition on the Stormwater Priority List. Contact: Charlie Wakeem, charliewak@sbcglobal.net

See previous item for discussion and action.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. von Finger, seconded by Ms. Balin and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO INCLUDE THE HEADWATERS IN CEMENT LAKE AS PART OF THE LETTER TO MR. ARCHULETA REGARDING ITS ACQUISITION, AS A BUFFER AREA.

Discussion and Action: Briefing on other ponding areas, not included in the City's Park
Pond list, that may serve a stormwater purpose and that may have an ecological value.
Contact: Rudy Valdez, rvaldez@EPWU.org

Chair Wakeem explained there may be some ponding areas that could be converted to wetlands. Additionally, Dover Kohl & Partners had requested this information. Chair Wakeem stated the Open Space Master Plan is very general, for example, 2A – Upper Rio Grande Bosques and Wetlands and 2B – Lower Rio Grande Valley and asked if there was

anything that the OSAB could do.

Mr. Cedillos gave background information regarding over 72-hour percolation, silt and maintenance on over 250 ponding areas located in East El Paso. He noted there are very few natural wetlands. Mr. Cedillos explained his proposal regarding the creation of wetlands; however, at this time he does not have any candidates.

Mr. von Finger commented on the property northeast of Doniphan and Sunland Park and stated that was the kind of area that the OSAB was referring to.

Chair Wakeem stated it would be helpful to identify these proposed wetland areas for the OSAB and the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Valdez explained there is property located on Mulberry with a pond that retains water.

Chair Wakeem added that property located at Doniphan and Country Club.

To identify additional sites, Mr. Kiseda suggested the OSAB contact the Audobon Club, the Sierra Club, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition, they might have some suggestions.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

7. **Discussion and Action:** Cement Lake acquisition status report by El Paso Water Utilities. Contact: Rudy Valdez, <u>rvaldez@EPWU.org</u>

See item 4 for discussion and action.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

8. **Discussion and Action** on the Open Space Advisory Board's recommendations to City Council for consideration, acceptance, and submittal to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Sun Valley Flood Risk Reduction Project.

Contact: Charlie Wakeem, charliewak@sbcglobal.net

Chair Wakeem referred to the backup information letter from the Corps of Engineers and the proposed Resolution.

Regarding the proposed Resolution language, Mr. von Finger noted there was no reference to the benefit ratio analysis, as suggested by Commissioner Board Member Martich at the last OSAB meeting.

Mr. Cedillos was unsure what the language was not included in the Resolution stated that EPWU staff already had discussions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding Cost-Benefit ratio analysis to be included as part of this project.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Chair Wakeem explained he and Mr. Cedillos went to Albuquerque Las Cruces last week and spoke with Ms. Dana Price, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Biologist. He stated the EA will take until late 2013 be completed in early 2013.

Regarding the blank line, Ms. Cuellar explained Staff could insert the City of El Paso's two goals or leave the language as is.

As one of the goals, Mr. von Finger suggested, to create the least amount of degradation to Castner Ranger.

Chair Wakeem commented on the City's adopting a resolution preserving Castner Range as an open space.

Ms. Cuellar suggested the inserting the City of El Paso's goals adopted by Resolution March 14, 2006.

Chair Wakeem requested Staff insert the language proposed by Mr. von Finger and Ms. Cuellar.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This morning, Ms. Balin explained, she had a meeting with Ms. Price and other engineers from the Corps at Castner Range. Ms. Balin was able to assist Ms. Price regarding the local vegetation analysis; Ms. Price also took some soil samples. Ms. Balin felt Ms. Price was clear on the importance of the poppy habitat and the area as a whole.

Mr. von Finger asked if Staff had requested an extension for comment and what was that extension date.

Chair Wakeem responded yes.

Mr. Taylor responded the extension was granted for one month.

Chair Wakeem added if the OSAB recommends this to City Council today, there should not be any problem.

Ms. Cuellar clarified the proposed Resolution language the City of El Paso's goals established and adopted on March, 14, 2006 Resolution and to create the least amount of degradation to Castner Range as possible.

Chair Wakeem asked if any members of the public wished to comment. There were none.

No further questions or comments from the Board.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. von Finger and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED.

9. Discussion and Action: Items for Future Agenda

Mr. von Finger requested:

 Staff research the request to rezone the property located at the northeast corner of Osborne and Doniphan. The land is habitat and currently open space. Mr. von Finger requested the small portion of wetland be rezoned NOS (Natural Open Space).

Ms. Burt clarified the property to be rezoned is adjacent to the wetland, it is not city owned. She requested the city determine and ensure that none of the wetland is included in the rezoning request.

10. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. von Finger AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Minutes prepared by Donna Martinez

Open Space



ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 1:30 P.M. 8th Floor Conference Room City Hall Building, 2 Civic Center Plaza

Members Present: 6

Lois Balin, Katrina M. Martich, Richard L. Thomas, James H. Tolbert, Kevin von Finger, and Charlie S. Wakeem

Members Absent: 1

Joanne Burt

Vacancies: 2

District 5, District 6

Planning and Economic Development Staff:

Philip Etiwe, Development Review Manager; David Coronado, Lead Planner; Todd Taylor, Planner

Others Present:

Lupe Cuellar, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Kareem Dallo, Engineering Division Manager, Engineering & Construction Management; Rudy Valdez, EPWU-PSB

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Wakeem called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

2. Call to the Public (items not listed on the agenda)

None.

3. Discussion and Action

a. Approval of Minutes: July 20, 2011

Chair Wakeem asked Board Members if there were any additions, corrections, or revisions.

Mr. von Finger referred to the following:

1. PAGE 5 OF 11, 3RD PARAGRAPH

Mr. von Finger stated the paragraph did not make sense. He requested Staff

review and correct.

2. PAGE 9 OF 11, 6TH PARAGRAPH

Revise Franklin Mountain Coalition to Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition.

Mr. Coronado stated Staff will make the corrections and re-post these minutes for the next OSAB meeting.

Chair Wakeem revised the following:

1. PAGE 8, MIDDLE OF THE PAGE

Revise femoral to ephemeral

2. PAGE 9, 3RD PARAGRAPH FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE

Revise Commissioner to Board Member

3. PAGE 9, 2ND SENTENCE FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE

Revise the sentence to read as follows:

Mr. Cedillos was unsure what the language that was not included in the Resolution.

4. PAGE 9, LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE PAGE

Revise the following:

Chair Wakeem explained he and Mr. Cedillos went to Albuquerque last week and spoke with Ms. Dana Price, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Biologist. He stated the EA will take until late 2013. be completed in early 2013.

5. PAGE 10, 5th PARAGRAPH

Revise the sentence as follows:

Chair Wakeem requested Staff insert the language proposed by Mr. von Finger and Ms. Cuellar.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. ITEM POSTPONED FOR TWO WEEKS TO THE OSAB MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2011.

b. Changes to the Agenda

None.

c. Review and comment on current subdivision applications, as indicated below:

(1) SUSU11-00063:

Desert Pass Drive - Being a portion of Tract 3A, A.F.

Miller Survey No. 210, City of El Paso, El Paso County,

Texas

LOCATION:

East of IH-10 and North of Resler Drive

PROPERTY OWNER:

Camino Real Investments

REPRESENTATIVE:

Conde, Inc.

DISTRICT:

1

APPLICATION TYPE:

Major Preliminary

STAFF CONTACT:

Frank Delgado, (915) 541-4238, delgadofx@elpasotexas.gov

ITEM POSTPONED FOR TWO WEEKS TO THE OSAB MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2011.

d. Review and comment on current zoning applications, as indicated below:

(1) PZRZ11-00026:

Lot 2, Block 2, Keystone Business Park Replat A, City of

El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

LOCATION:

4501 Osborne Drive

ZONING:

P-I/sc (Planned Industrial/special contract)

REQUEST:

From P-I/sc (Planned Industrial/special contract)

To C-4/sc (Commercial/special contract)

EXISTING USE:

Vacant

PROPOSED USE:

Commercial/Office/Warehouse

PROPERTY OWNERS:

EP Dirtmen, LLC & CIC Limited, Inc.

REPRESENTATIVE:

Chris Cummings

DISTRICT:

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STAFF CONTACT:

Esther Guerrero, (915) 541-4720, guerreroex@elpasotexas.gov

Ms. Guerrero gave a PowerPoint presentation and explained the request was approved by the City Plan Commission at the July 28th meeting. Most of the special conditions have been met or will meet during the construction stage. The property does abut a little over a one acre size portion of the Keystone Wetlands. The projected land use calls for open space in the area; additionally, the majority of the land uses and zonings are either Commercial or Industrial and existing Commercial. STAFF AND CITY PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE REZONING TO C-4 ZONING.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Mr. von Finger asked if the green highlighted area was north of the Keystone Heritage Park.

Ms. Guerrero responded the green highlighted area is projected Parks and Open Space. The property that is being rezoned is north of Keystone Heritage Park. She reiterated the Keystone Heritage Park is currently zoned Commercial.

No further questions or comments from the Board.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

Ms. Cuellar explained no action was necessary; the property is not located within the MDA (Mountain Development Area) or the HDA (Hillside Development Area).

At the last OSAB meeting, Chair Wakeem explained, Mr. von Finger had requested Staff place this item on the agenda for discussion.

4. Discussion and Action: Items for Future Agendas

Mr. von Finger requested:

1. Update/Briefing on the status of the rezoning of Keystone and Rio Bosque to Natural Open Space (Planning Staff)

Chair Wakeem requested:

1. Update regarding Feather Lake and Palisades project. (EPWU-PSB)

5. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. von Finger, seconded by Ms. Balin AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 1:51PM.

Minutes prepared by Donna Martinez



City of El Paso - City Plan Commission Staff Report

Case No:

SUSU11-00063 Desert Pass Drive

Application Type:

Major Preliminary

CPC Hearing Date:

August 25, 2011

Staff Planner:

Frank Delgado, (915) 541-4238, delgadofx@elpasotexas.gov

Location:

East of IH-10 and North of Resler Drive

Legal Description Acreage:

77.405 acres

Rep District:

1

Existing Use:

Vacant

Existing Zoning:

C-3c (Commercial) and C-4c (Commercial)

Proposed Zoning:

C-3c (Commercial) and C-4c (Commercial)

Nearest Park:

Wakeem-Teschner Nature Preserve (1.17 miles)

Nearest School:

Coronado High School (1.08 miles)

Park Fees:

\$33,080

Impact Fee:

The property is not located in an impact-fee area.

Property Owner:

Camino Real Investments I, LTD

Applicant:

Camino Real Investments I, LTD

Representative:

Conde, Inc.

SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE

North: C-3sc (Commercial)/ Residential development South: R-4 (Residential)/ Interstate Highway and Pond

East: R-3 (Residential)/ Nature Preserve

West: C-3sc (Commercial)/ Commercial development

THE PLAN FOR EL PASO DESIGNATION: Commercial, Mixed Use and

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

The applicant is proposing multi-family residential, commercial, office, private parks and open space development on this 77,041-acre parcel and is proposing eight (8) lots. The smallest lot is 7.469 acres. The largest lot is 258.405 acres.

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PENDING

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE COMMENTS PENDING

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATION

DENIAL based on lack of compliance with:

19.18.010.B.1 Traffic Impact Analysis-Purpose and Applicability-Applicability

A traffic impact analysis (TIA), in adherence to standards contained within this title and City of El Paso approved guidelines, shall be required by the city manager, or designee for the following unless the city manager or designee determines that a TIA is not needed due to studies already completed or improvements already constructed.

Section 19.18.040.A.1 - City evaluation and action-Criteria

The city manager or designee shall evaluate the adequacy of the TIA prepared by the applicant. 19.20.030.A.1.b - Parkland calculation-Rate-Multifamily.

A. Rate.

- 1. Where a residential subdivision application is filed, the amount of parkland required to be deeded to the city shall be as follows:
- b. Multifamily. One acre of parkland for every two hundred dwelling units calculated as follows: $"x"=;frac;"y"\times"z";200$

Where:

"x" is the amount of acres of parkland required to be dedicated;

"y" is the gross acres of the proposed multifamily subdivision; and

"z" is the density of the proposed multifamily subdivision.

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION PENDING

LAND DEVELOPMENT—ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

No Objections

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

We have reviewed <u>Desert Pass Subdivision</u>, a major preliminary plat map and offer Engineer / Developer the following comments:

Please note that this subdivision is zoned "C-3/sc & C-4/sc" thus meeting the requirements for Multi-family dwellings use with a minimum lot area of 750 sq. ft. per dwelling (C-4/sc) or restricted to a maximum of 29 dwelling units per acre (C-3/sc), therefore, park fees will be assessed based on the following:

1. If gross density waiver is granted by the Planning Department or designee and covenants are provided restricting all residential uses, then applicant shall be required to pay "park fees" in the amount of \$77,410.00

Fees calculated as follows:

Subdivision acreage 77.41 (rounded to two decimals) @ \$1,000.00 per acre = \$77,410.00

2. If subdivider fails to provide proof of gross density waiver with the filing of the final plat and/or gross density waiver is not granted by the Planning Department or designee, then applicant shall be required to dedicate 22.475-acres of "Parkland" based on the following maximum gross density rates:

Parkland calculations:

Subdivision acreage @ the minimum lot area of 750 sq. ft. per dwelling = # of dwellings 77.405 ac. (x) 43560 sq. ft. / acre = 3,371,761.80 sq. ft.

3,371,761.80 sq. ft. divided by minimum lot area of 750 sq. ft. per dwelling = 4,495.68 dwellings 4,495 dwellings @ a rate of one acre per every 200 dwelling units = **22.475-acres of** "Parkland"

Plat as submitted does not meet the minimum parkland requirements since it does not include any park sites.

Please allocate any funds under Park Zone: **NW-5**Nearest Parks: **H.T. Ponsford** & Paul Harvey

If density/acreage is increased/decreased or the property zoning/use changes, then fees will be reassessed based on applicable conditions.

STORMWATER DIVISION—EL PASO WATER UTILITIES COMMENTS

We have reviewed the subdivision described above and provide the following comments:

Desert Pass Drive Subdivision – Major Preliminary

- 1. The plat states the subject property is located in Flood Hazard Zones C and A1. Coordinate with FEMA and the City of El Paso to meet all applicable flood hazard zone requirements.
- 2. The drainage plan indicates runoff from several watersheds will discharge to structures on I-10. Coordinate with TxDOT for discharge to the existing structures on I-10.
- 3. Show existing and proposed drainage flow patterns along the extension of Gem Street. Identify the discharge location for the Gem Street stormwater runoff.
- 4. At the improvement plan stage ensure that all channel and storm drain pipe outlets include appropriate erosion and scour control measures. Also, ensure that the earthen channel flow velocities do not exceed the permissible velocity recommended in the City of El Paso Drainage Design Manual.
- 5. Provide the appropriate drainage right-of-ways and/or easements for all stormwater infrastructure, including the channel and proposed storm drain system conveying runoff from the existing detention basin.
- 6. Size all stormwater drainage structures to account for sediment volume. In addition, design all drainage structures to allow access for EPWU maintenance staff and equipment. Undersized culverts and culvert crossings in Northwest El Paso tend to clog easily and increase EPWU maintenance costs.
- 7. Ensure that all drainage easements are wide enough to accommodate future EPWU storm drain maintenance. EPWU recommends a minimum easement width of 20 feet. Very deep pipes complicate future maintenance activities and may require easements wider than 20 feet.
- 8. Incorporate principles of low impact development and green infrastructure design (such as recessed landscaping, rainwater harvesting, and porous pavements) to reduce the amount of developed stormwater runoff. Provide additional stormwater retention at all landscaped and open space areas.

EL PASO WATER UTILITIES COMMENTS

We have reviewed the subdivision referenced above and provide the following comments:

1. EPWU-PSB requires for the existing 30-foot wide PSB easement to be depicted as per the recorded document (2006000161).

EPWU-PSB Comments

Water:

- 2. A water main extension will be required along the entire length of Desert Pass Drive. The water main system is required to be looped from Gem Street to San Blas Street and Western Skies. EPWU anticipates a water main extension along the EPNG right-of-way. Permits from EPNG will be required for the proposed water main extension along EPNG right-of-way
- 3. The subdivision is anticipated to be located within an intermediate pressure zone. Pressure reducing and pressure relief valves will be required within the water distribution system. In addition, private water pressure regulating devices will be required at the discharge side of each water meter. The Owner/Developer shall include in the sale of contract documents that the lot buyer shall acquire ownership of the above-described water pressure regulating devices to be located at the discharge side of the water meters.

Sewer:

- 4. There is an existing 12/15-inch diameter sanitary sewer main located within the existing 30-foot wide PSB Easement that extends along a portion of the proposed Desert Pass Drive.
- 5. EPWU anticipates a sanitary sewer main extension along Desert Point Lane from Desert Pass Drive to the existing sewer main located parallel to IH-10.

General:

- 6. During the site improvement work, the Owner/Developer shall safeguard the existing sanitary sewer and appurtenant structures. The Owner/Developer shall minimize changes in grade above or near the vicinity of the existing PSB facilities and is responsible for the cost of setting appurtenant structures to final grade.
- 7. All easements dedicated for public sanitary sewer facilities shall comply with the EPWU-PSB Easement Policy. The PSB easements shall be improved to allow the operation of EPWU maintenance vehicles. EPWU-PSB requires access to the proposed sanitary sewer facilities within the easement 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
- 8. EPWU requires a new service application to serve the subject property. New service applications are available at 1154 Hawkins, 3rd Floor. The following items are required at the time of application: (1) hard copy of subdivision plat with street names and addresses; (2) finalized set of street improvement plans, including storm sewer; (3) digital copy of subdivision plat; (4) benchmark check; and (5) construction schedule. Service will be provided in accordance with the current EPWU PSB Rules and Regulations. The owner is responsible for the costs of any necessary on-site and off-site extensions, relocations or adjustments of water and sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances.

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

No comments received.

SUN METRO COMMENTS

No comments received.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

The Department of Transportation recommends **denial** of the proposed plat for the following reason:

- A Traffic Impact Analysis is required for the Desert Pass subdivision in accordance with Section 19.18. (Traffic Impact Analysis) of the El Paso Municipal Code. The TIA submitted with the subdivision shall comply with Section 19.15.010.C (Road Network).
- Gem Street is designated as a Collector on the Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) and shall comply with Section 19.15.060B (Arrangement of Streets and Conformance to the Thoroughfare Plan) and 19.15.06E (Transitions of Right-of-Way Width) of the El Paso Municipal Code.
- Cross-sections for Desert Pass do not comply as per Section 19.15.060A (Design Standards for Construction Met); 14 ft. medians required.
- Gem Street does not comply with Section 19.15.100B (Dead End Streets) as the proposed street exceeds the maximum length of a cul-de-sac street.
- The end of Gem Street must include a temporary turnaround bulb as per Section 19.15.100A (Dead End Streets).

The Department of Transportation has the following comments:

- Recommend pedestrian connectivity where original delineation of minor collect was shown on the MTP.
- Landscaping, vegetation, and irrigation system shall be provided within the proposed median on Desert Pass Street.
- Double frontage lots shall comply with Section 19.23.040 H (Double Frontage lots) of the El Paso Municipal Code.
- The proposed intersection of Desert Pass and Resler shall not be completed until developer installs the required traffic signal. Coordination of the design and installation shall be coordinated and approved by the Department of Transportation.

Notes:

- Access and improvements to Resler shall be coordinated with Texas Department of Transportation.
- All existing and/or proposed paths of travel (accessible sidewalks, wheelchair access curb ramps and driveways) within public rights-of-way shall follow the City of El Paso Design Standards for Construction and be ADA/TAS compliant.

911 DISTRICT COMMENTS

No comments received.

CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT COMMENTS

No comments received.

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY COMMENTS

No comments received.

EL PASO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMENTS

No comments received.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

No comments received.

TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMMENTS

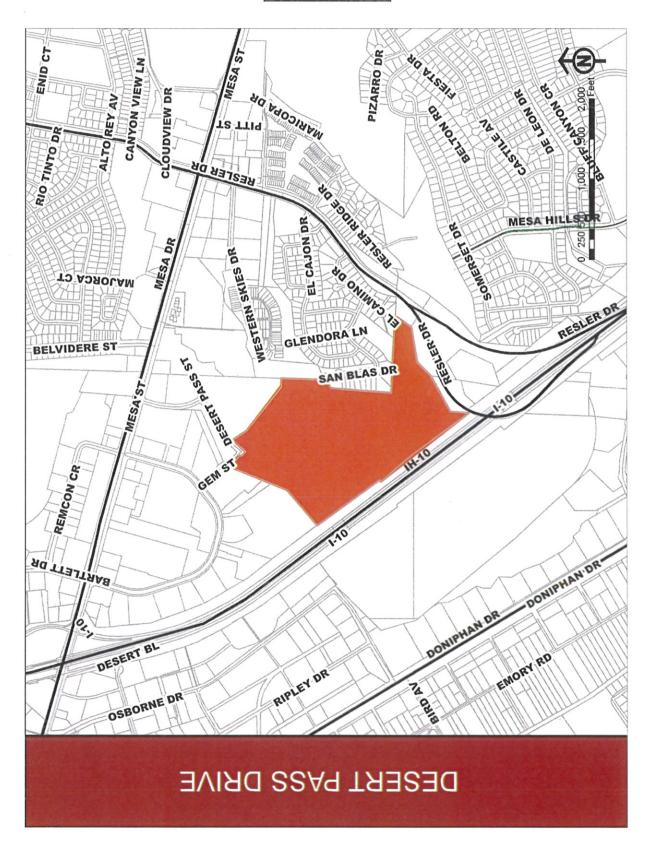
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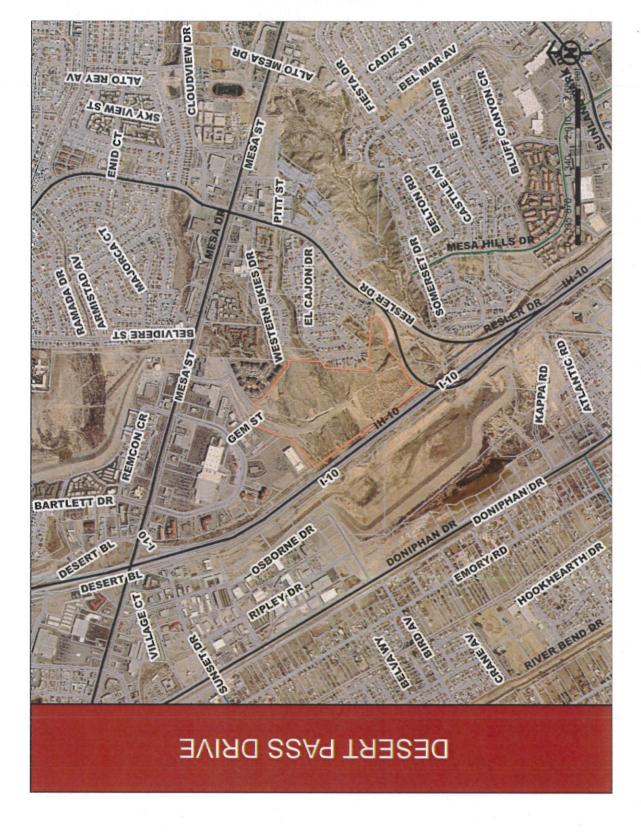
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:

- 1. Prior to recording, please submit to Planning & Economic Development—Planning Division the following:
 - a. tax certificates
 - b. release of access document
 - c. set of restrictive covenants
- 2. Every subdivision shall provide for postal delivery service. The subdivider shall coordinate the installation and construction with the United States Postal Service in determining the type of delivery service for the proposed subdivision. In all cases, the type and location of delivery service shall be subject to the approval of the United States Postal Service.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Aerial Map
- 3. Preliminary Plat
- 4. Application

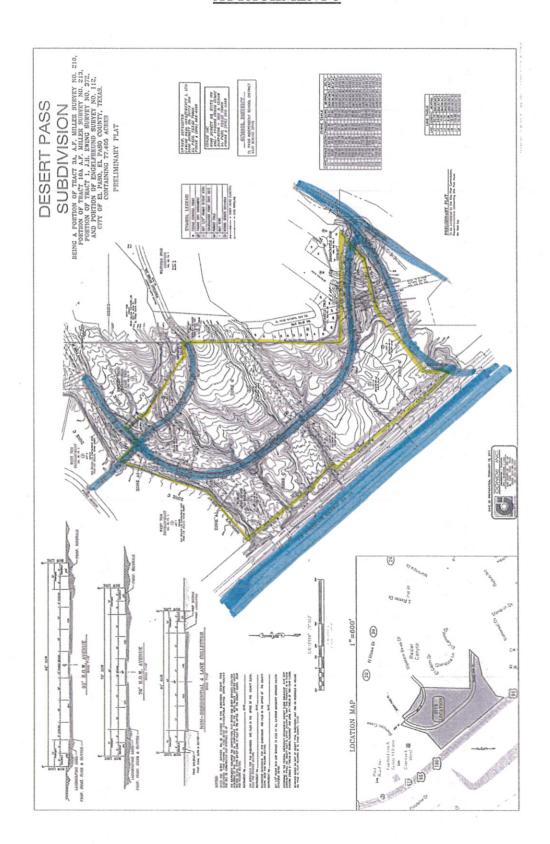




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SUSU11-00063

August 25, 2011





CITY PLAN COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR MAJOR SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Texas	ng Survey No. 372	ler Survey No.21 2, and a portion o	0, Portion of Tract 16A, A. F. M. f Engelfreund Survey No. 112,	City of El Pas	o, El Paso Co
Proposed Land Uses:					
	ACRES	SITES		ACRES	SITES
Single-family	-	******************	Office	8.45	4 2
Duplex Apartment	25.405	1	Street & Alley Ponding & Drainage		4
Mobile Home	20.700	1	Institutional		
P.U.D.	-		Other (specify below)		
Park		***************************************	Open Space	7.469	1
School			Private Parks within Apts	3.00	
Commercial	18.683	2	Total No. Sites 13		
Industrial			Total Acres (Gross) 77.405		
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12.	Owner of recor	d Camino Real Investments I, LTD	6080 Surety Drive, Ste 300, I	El Paso, TX 79905	915-592-0290
		(Name & Address)		(Zip)	(Phone)
13.	Developer	Camino Real Investments I, LTD	6080 Surety Drive, Ste 300,	El Paso, TX 79905	915-592-0290
		(Name & Address)		(Zip)	(Phone)
14.	Engineer	CONDE INC. 6080	Surety Drive, Ste 100, El Paso,	TX 79905	915-592-0283
		(Name & Address)		(Zip)	(Phone)

CASHIER'S VALIDATION FEE: \$1,901.00

Camino Real Investments I, LTD By: Camino Real Properties, Inc. It's General Partner

OWNER SIGNATURE: L

Douglas A. Schwartz, President

REPRESENTATIVE;

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City of El Paso - Open Space Advisory Board Staff Report

Case No:

SUSU11-00070 Cimarron Sage Commercial Park Unit Two

Application Type:

Minor

Staff Planner:

Kevin Smith, 915-541-4903, smithkw@elpasotexas.gov

Location:

North of Paseo Del Norte Road and West of Northern Pass

Drive

Legal Description Acreage:

2.010 acres

Rep District:

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Existing Use: Existing Zoning:

Vacant C-3/c

Proposed Zoning:

N/A

Nearest School:

Kohlberg Elementary School (1.36 mile)

Nearest Park:

South Dakota park (0.85 mile)

Parkland Fees Required:

Pending

Impact Fee Area:

Not in Impact Fee Area

Property Owner:

Cimarron Hunt Communities, LLC

Applicant:

CSA Design Group

Representative:

CSA Design Group

SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE:

North: C-3/c (Commercial with a condition)/ Vacant

South: C-3/c and R-3a (Commercial with a condition and Residential)/ Vacant

East: C-3/c (Commercial with a condition)/ Vacant West: C-3/c (Commercial with a condition)/ Vacant

THE PLAN FOR EL PASO DESIGNATION: Residential and Commercial

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

The applicant is proposing development on approximately 2.01 acres of land for a commercial site. Primary access will be via Northern Pass Drive and Paseo Del Norte Road. The applicant has submitted Cimarron Sage Commercial Park Unit Two on a Minor basis and is requesting vesting rights under the previous subdivision code.

This subdivision is located within the Hillside Development Area (HDA).

CASE HISTORY

This subdivision is a part of the Ranchos Las Lomas Amended Land Study which was approved by the City Plan Commission on March 15, 2007.

Planning Division Recommendation

Pending.

Engineering and Construction Management – Land Development

No comments received.

El Paso DOT

No comments received.

El Paso Water Utilities

No comments received.

PSB - Stormwater

No comments received.

Parks and Recreation Department

No comments received.

Texas Gas Service

No comments received.

Central Appraisal District

No comments received.

El Paso Electric Company

No comments received.

911 District

No comments received.

Fire Department

No comments received.

Geographic Information Systems

No comments received.

Canutillo School District

No comments received.

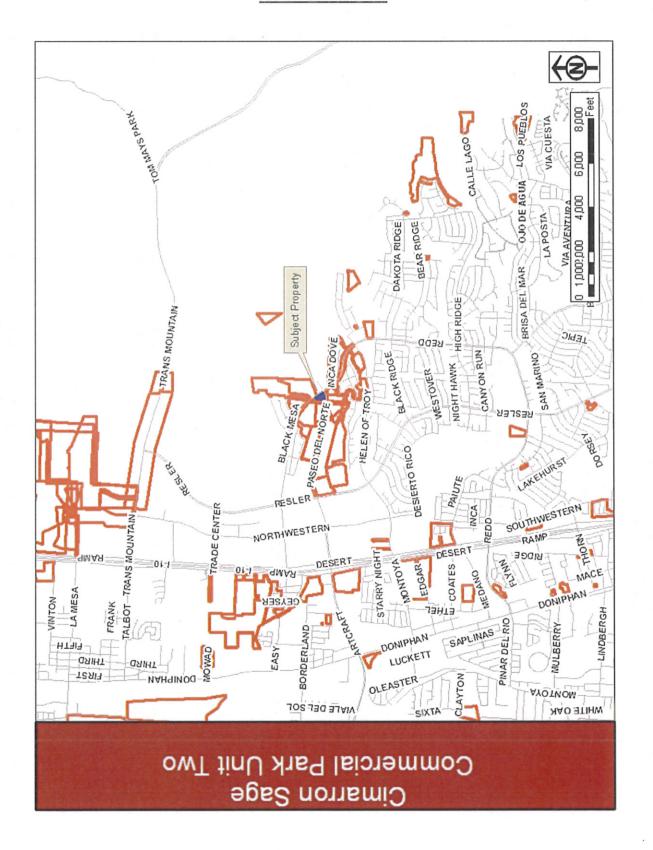
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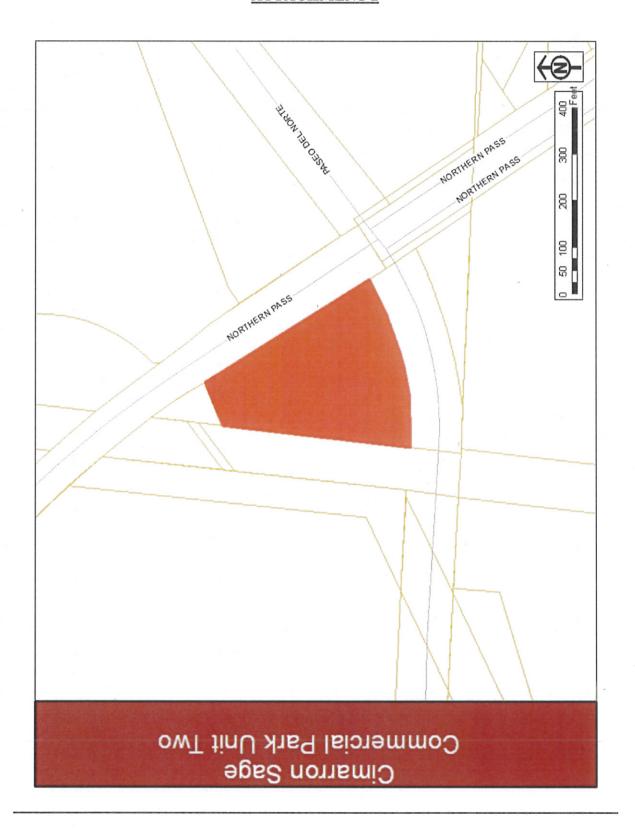
1. Submit to the Planning and Economic Development Department – Planning Division the following prior to recording of the subdivision.

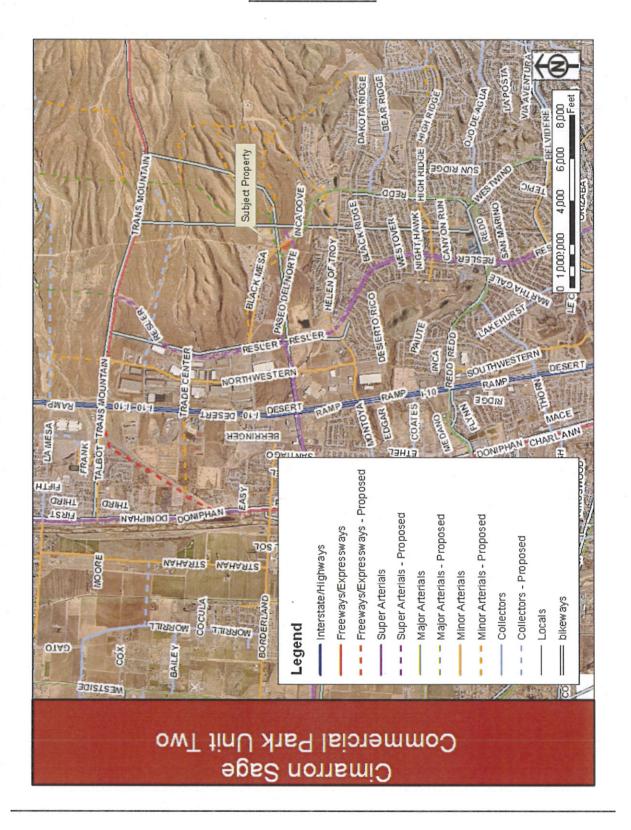
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- b. Current proof of ownership
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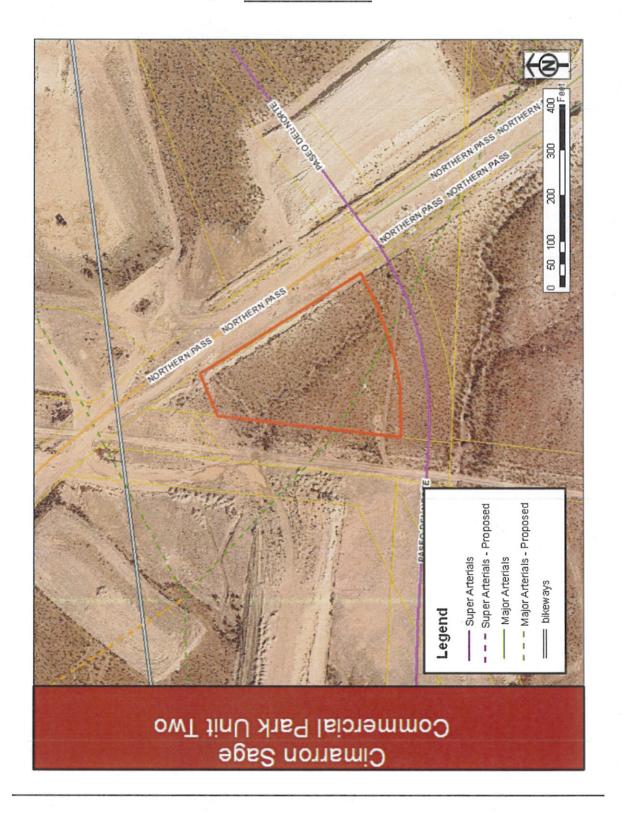
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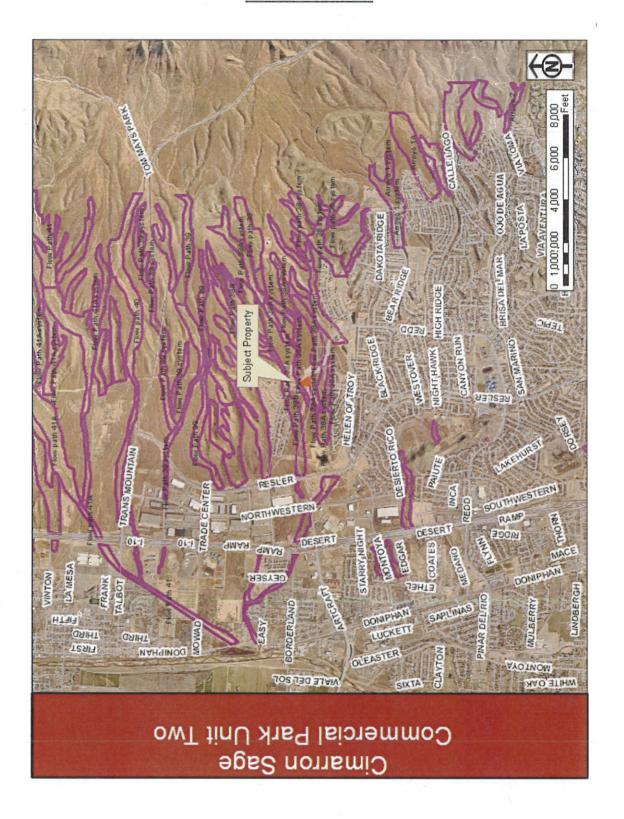
- 1. Location map zoomed out
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- 8. Final Plat
- 9. Application

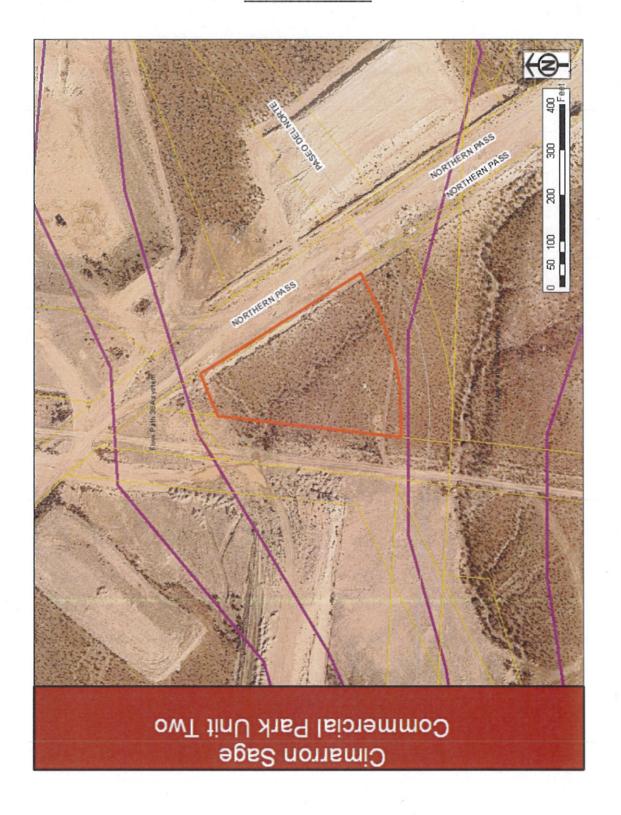


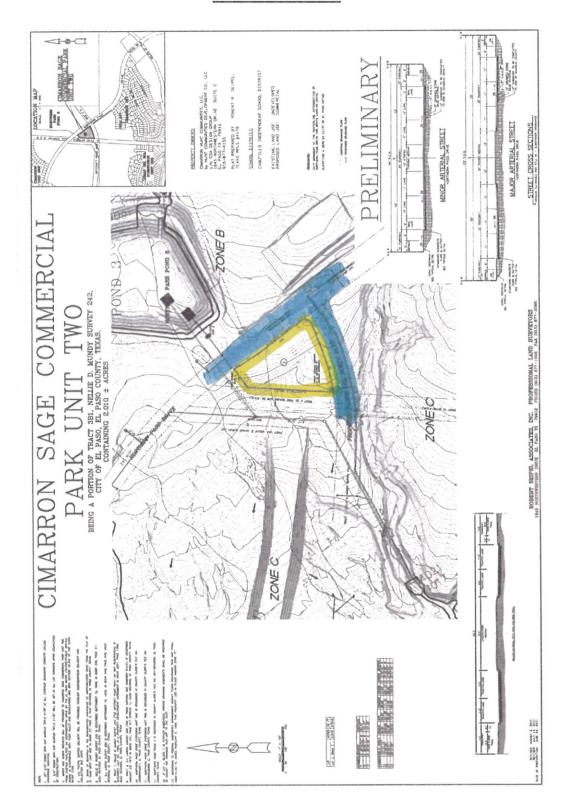


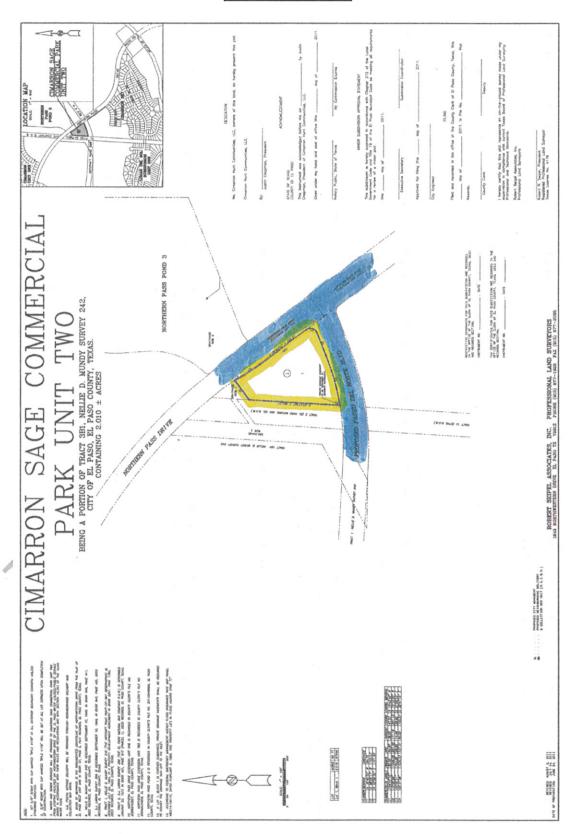














CITY PLAN COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL



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Propert	y Land Uses:	ACDEC	CITEC		ACDEC	CITE
Single-	family	ACRES	SITES	Office	ACRES	SITES
Duplex			-	Street & Alley		
Apartm			-	Ponding & Drainage		
Mobile	Home			Institutional		
P.U.D.		-		Other (specify below)		
Park						
School		0.040				
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man	di	-		Total (Gross) Acreage	2.010	
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Rancho Las Lomas Land Study-See Attached Letter

12.	Owner of record Cimarron Hunt Communities, LLC.		(C/14)	
	(Name & Address)	(Zip)	(Phone)	
13.	Developer			
	(Name & Address)	(Zip)	(Phone)	
14.	Engineer CSA Design Group, Inc. 1845 Northwestern Dr. Ste C	79912	877-4155	
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